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WO 02/096309 discloses a bone plate which is used for the fixation of fractures of the proximal humerus.

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